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Dear Mr. McMahon:

Thanks for your courtesy in calling the other day. I can understand your avoiding the "calumnists" (as Charles Evans Hughes used to say), and sympathize.

I enclose a copy of my hurried, and cursorily-edited (not by me) piece, for what it's worth.

I won't "bug" you further (in the Berkeleyn, not the Washingtonian, sense), but would like to note that I consider myself an historian, not a journalist, that my interest in these things extends beyond brouhahas of the moment. If you should ever feel inclined to have that little chat, I'm practically around the corner.

Best regards,



Richard Smith